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Bruce —

You may have read in the papers about the controversy over CIA's contacts with academics. I thought you might have a passing interest in the text of the speech that I gave at Harvard tackling this issue.

There were perhaps three points of the speech to note:

- the admonition that the university cannot protect academic freedom oblivious to the fortunes of the nation.
- the charge that the university itself endangers freedom of inquiry when attempting to control the associations of its scholars, especially with their own government.
- the hypocrisy of a university to single out CIA for its refusal publicly to identify its sponsorship of research when no other sources of funding (including foreign governments) are required to be revealed.

It was an interesting experience which I do not intend to repeat.

Regards,



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